

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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COUNTY HONORS SUCCESS OF SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognizes 430,000 Hours of Service

WHO: County's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

About 500 senior volunteers

WHAT: Volunteer recognition event to salute the participants in RSVP for their 430,000 hours of

volunteer work this past year.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 9

(Program begins at 10 a.m., followed by entertainment at 11 a.m. and awards at noon)

WHERE: Grand Ballroom, Town and Country Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North in Mission Valley

WHY: Each year, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Aging &

Independence Services (AIS) turns the spotlight on the older adults who participate in

RSVP and recognizes their selfless efforts.

Last year, RSVP provided more than \$7 million worth of volunteer services. RSVP is sponsored both by AIS and *Senior Corps*, a network of national service programs that provides older Americans the opportunity to apply their life experiences to meeting

community needs.

These special RSVP volunteers reap a reward from the smiles from children they tutor in reading and the hugs of elderly nursing home residents who count them as friends. They value the handshakes and pats on the back from people at hundreds of different settings around the County where they value to a setting a ground the County where they value to a setting a ground the County where they value to a setting a ground the County where they are they ar

settings around the County where they volunteer.

Event sponsors are ACS State and Local Solutions, and SDG&E.

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